APPENDIX D.

Mr. Pilkington's Address.

17th October 1899.

Mr. Thumboo Chetty, Councillors and Gentlemen—

On behalf of the North Mysore Planters' Association which I have the honor to represent, I have to say how fully we appreciated the judicious way in which the plague measures were introduced into the State last year, and the manner in which they have since been worked. And we have noticed with satisfaction how every effort is being made to prevent a severe recrudescence of the disease by the destruction of unhealthy quarters of towns, and by extensions to new and healthier sites, and by the encouragement of voluntary evacuation of villages.

It is such a new thing for Mysore to show a deficit that its announcement comes as a surprise, but, after hearing the statement of Revenue and Expenditure for the year and realising the enormous outlay entailed by plague, and the stagnation in trade caused thereby, one is only surprised that it is not larger. But with the modified restrictions on travelling now in force, and with the people becoming more accustomed to plague it is reasonable to hope that a general improvement in trade will shortly occur.

I have to congratulate the Government on the appointment of an Agricultural Chemist and feel sure that he will prove a benefit to the agriculture of the State We trust that, as soon as his laboratory is fitted up, he may be able to devote special study to the diseases of coffee, for, you are, I know, fully aware of the critical state of that industry, from the heavy fall in prices of fully one-half and the high rate of exchange now prevailing.

To turn to more local subjects, I have to thank the Government for the grant-in-aid to the Koppa Medical Fund, and for kindly realising that Koppa is far from medical assistance, and that the coffee industry there is not at the present time in the position to support a medical man at its own cost as it previously had done.

We much regret that Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer is unable to preside at this Assembly as he had done for so many years; but are glad to hear that he has already nearly recovered his health.

In conclusion, as we have been told in the Dewan's Speech, this is the year "Vikari" or of calamities: but it is rapidly passing away, and is followed by the year "Sarvari" or of change, which will, we trust, be the turning point, and be the commencement of a bright and prosperous era for Mysore.

Mr. Bullen's Address.

17th October 1899.

Mr. Thumboo Chetty, Councillors and Gentlemen—

As representative of the Kolar Gold Field Mining Board, I wish to sympathize with the Government of Mysore for the trying and anxious time which was experienced during the past year. I must also congratulate them upon the success which has attended their efforts in fighting with the plague. There is no doubt that but for the untiring exertions of the plague officers the population of the province would have been decimated. From the figures we have just heard we learn that the small deficit is due entirely to the plague and the cost of the establishment for dealing with this terrible disease.

Plague first appeared on the Gold Fields in the middle of November last, but it did not break out in epidemic form until February. Thanks to the prompt measures adopted by Government in sending us a large staff of trained and experienced officials and also owing to the open and scattered formation of our lines, the mortality on the camps was never very great. At the outset the scare caused hundreds of men to leave their work and for several months we were very

short handed. Now everything has resumed its normal condition and work is being carried on as usual.

Schools.—The thanks of the Mining Board and the local community in general are due to Government for the generous aid promised to the school for European and Eurasian children, which we propose to start on the Field. This is a want which has been felt for some time, and is an undertaking with great possibilities.

What Government has so kindly given, added to the handsome donations granted by the Directors of the different Companies, will enable us to erect a suitable building. We propose to start evening classes for the men, and, in time, if funds permit, a technical branch for children might be opened.

In conclusion I wish to thank the Government of H. H. the Maharani-Regent for the kind and courteous consideration the representations of the Mining Board have always received.

Mr. Playfair's Address.

Mr. Thumboo Chetty, Councillors and Gentlemen—

The South Mysore Planters' Association which I have the honor to represent desire me to express their appreciation and thanks to the Mysore Government for the effective manner in which they have kept plague out of our district during the past year; had it invaded our district serious inconvenience would have been experienced in transporting our produce.

We note with pleasure that a resurvey of the Arsikere-Mangalore Railway has been sanctioned, and we hope that a connection with a natural outlet of this province may shortly be established. I have to thank the Mysore Government for their letter regarding the Paris Exhibition, and the distribution of Mysore produce there. A meeting of this Association has been called for the end of this month, when we will discuss and settle how we can best meet the wishes of the Mysore Government.

I have now only to express regret at the absence of Sir Sheshadri Iyer who I hope will very soon be convalescent.

Mr. Nadig Sivappa's Address.

Nadig Sivappa, on behalf of the Representative Members, presented a Kanarese address expressing their hope that the Dewan would soon completely recover from his recent indisposition. He said that they were all highly gratified to find that the Marikanave Project, which is a boon to all, particularly to the people of Chitaldrug, was being carried out at a large outlay, and conveyed the thanks of the Members for the sanitary improvements and other measures adopted for the suppression of plague, and wished that such improvements might be continued. It was to be regretted that the Meeting of the Dasara Representative Assembly could not come off last year, but as it was held this time notwithstanding the plague, he hoped that it might hereafter continue without interruption. He concluded by expressing the satisfaction of the Members at the announcement made in the address about the deputation of a European Engineer to Europe and America to investigate the best method of utilizing the Cauvery Falls at Sivasamudram for the production of electric power to facilitate industrial undertakings and wished that two educated natives had been associated with him.

At the close of the Proceedings Mr. Nadig Sivappa made a few remarks expressing gratitude for Her Highness the Maharani-Regent having been pleased, notwithstanding the prevalence of plague in some parts of the country, to call the Meeting of the Assembly this year with the view of redressing the grievances of the people. He prayed that the restrictions prescribed under the Plague Regulations be done away with, and that measures for the improvement of sanitation and ventilation be adopted. He expressed the gratitude of the Members for the patient hearing given to their representations and requested that their sentiments of loyalty might be conveyed to Her Highness.